Re: Microsoft Case

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Renata B. Hesse Anti-Trust Division The United States Department of Justice

Dear Renata B. Hesse:

It is very encouraging that your office has decided to take comments form the general public about this very important case. The Microsoft ant-trust case will have far reaching repercussions that will affect all Americans in one way or another.

While Bill Gates and company may have not always behaved in the most admirable fashion, it seems to me and a lot of other people that at this point they have been punished enough. Microsoft helped make possible the high-tech boom that has been driving our economy, and with the country in danger of sliding into a depression this is not the time to drag this case out any further. To keep this antitrust case alive longer than it should be is to risk wrecking our economy at time when we can least afford it.

Please vote to settle the Microsoft case quickly so that the market will not have to keep holding it's collective breath waiting for some resolution. A quick settlement would have far reaching positive side effects both for the little guys (like me) and big business as well. With this behind us we could all move forward with developing promising new software and investing in new computer hardware.

It would be in the best interest of consumers and the country.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Simon